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**A PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING
THE CHILlicothe PAINTS'
FRONTIER LEAGUE CHAMPION-
SHIP APPEARANCE**

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, the Chillicothe Paints were the first Frontier League team and are the pre-eminent Single-A Independent team in Ohio; and

Whereas, the Chillicothe Paints are celebrating 12 years of excellence in baseball; and

Whereas, the Chillicothe Paints 2005 season demonstrated the character and determination of the fine young men playing for the pride of Chillicothe.

Therefore, I join with the residents of Chillicothe and the whole 18th Congressional District of Ohio in celebration for the outstanding 2005 season of the Chillicothe Paints.

**CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF MISS
GRACE ANNE DENTON**

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2005

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today, I am happy to congratulate Kari and Wesley Denton of Burke, Virginia, formerly of Beaufort, South Carolina, on the birth of their beautiful baby girl. Grace Anne Denton was born on September 20, 2005 at 6:58 p.m., weighing 8 pounds, 14 ounces and measuring 21 inches long. Grace has been born into a loving home, where she will be raised by parents who are devoted to her well-being and bright future. Her birth is a blessing.

**HONORING SEPTEMBER AS
SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH**

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize suicide as a public health problem, and suicide prevention as a community responsibility. The State of California has recognized September as "Suicide Prevention Month." This is in support and recognition of the National and International Suicide Prevention Week.

It remains essential to remember that suicide is the 11th leading cause of all deaths in the United States and the 3rd leading cause of death among people from the ages of 15 to 24. It is also the 10th leading cause of all deaths and the number one cause of all injury deaths in the State of California. Moreover, suicide remains the 9th leading cause of all deaths and the 2nd leading cause of all injury

deaths in Santa Barbara County. Within the United States, one person completes suicide every 17 minutes; and it is estimated that 4.47 million people in the United States are survivors of suicide (those who have lost a loved one to suicide).

In addition, guns stored in the house are used for suicide 40 times more often than for self-protection and 54 percent of people who die by suicide use a firearm. Regarding mental illness, the stigma associated with mental illness works against suicide prevention by discouraging persons at risk for suicide from seeking life-saving help and further traumatizes survivors of suicide. Finally, we must remember that a great many suicides are preventable, and can be reduced through awareness, education and treatment.

I therefore commend The Glendon Association, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization based in Santa Barbara, California whose mission is to save lives and help people create more meaningful lives by addressing the social problems of suicide, violence, child abuse and troubled interpersonal relationships. The Glendon Association accomplishes this through community outreach, research, education and training within the local community, the State of California, nationally and internationally. I recognize the important work they do through their Annual Suicide Prevention Forums which in this, their 11th year, include three free community programs, open to the public, held in Santa Barbara, Santa Maria and San Luis Obispo, California.

HONORING DONALD LADA

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2005

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to rise before you today to recognize the accomplishments of a man who, for many years, has been a tireless advocate for our community, including our youth. On Thursday, September 22, in my hometown of Flint, Michigan, civic leaders, family and friends will join Youth Projects to honor Donald Lada for his dedicated service to the community.

After graduating from Traverse City High School, Don Lada attended Northwestern Michigan College, and later continued his education at Worsham Mortuary College. Don has been a licensed funeral director for 42 years, and spent 33 of those years at Brown Funeral Home, which he also owned, and remained active with after it was sold. The Memorial Tree and Plant-A-Tree programs at Brown are highlights of Don's tenure, as is a Veterans' Memorial and the designation of the Home as an official Korean War Commemorative Community.

Don's community involvement is tremendous; over the years, he has been a part of, or helped lead, nearly 30 different civic organizations, including the Eastside Business Association, which he also founded, Genesee County Emergency Management Team, Mott Children's Health Center, Avalon Hospice, Flint Chamber of Commerce, Masons, Elks, and the Flint Rotary Club, among many others. He has been recognized on numerous occasions by groups such as the Salvation Army and the Consortium on Child Abuse and Ne-

glect, and has received keys to the cities of Burton and Flint. In 2004, Don became the first recipient of the Flint Journal's Community Advocacy Award.

Among Don's many blessings is his wonderful family: Dee, his wife of 45 years, their children Douglas and Debra, and their eight grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I have known Don Lada for many years, and have witnessed first-hand his selfless determination toward making the Flint area a safer place for our children to enjoy, and a better place in which to live. I am honored to call him my friend as well as my constituent. I ask my colleagues to please join me in congratulating Don on being acknowledged by his peers, and wishing him the very best in all his endeavors. Our community is clearly a better place because of his dedication.

**ON THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF
HAWAII COUNTY ECONOMIC OP-
PORTUNITY COUNCIL**

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2005

Mr. CASE. Mr. Speaker, I rise proudly to join many others in offering my heartiest congratulations to the Hawaii County Economic Opportunity Council (HCEOC) on the occasion of its 40th anniversary on November 18, 2005.

Over these last four decades, HCEOC has epitomized the letter and spirit of economic opportunity envisioned by President John F. Kennedy and others. It has lifted two whole generations now of Big Islanders up and into lives of productive contributions and economic self-sufficiency, in the process advancing and enriching all of our Hawaii.

HCEOC has done so by providing good employment opportunities to those in need and by delivering to our Hawaii Island community with loyal and continued patronage for goods and services. Countless families, friends and neighbors have benefited directly from its programs, which include child development, education, housing, energy assistance, transportation services, and economic development projects.

Additionally, HCEOC has taken a leadership role in mentoring our Big Island youth and keeping them out of trouble and away from the scourge of drugs that has ravaged too many. HCEOC's after-school program, for example, has helped more than 4,000 students while unbelievably seeing only eight drop out. Not a single enrolled student has ever been arrested for drugs during or after his or her participation in the program.

Much of HCEOC's success is owed to its wonderful and dedicated staff, particularly its longtime executive director, George Yokoyama. George, indomitably optimistic and colorfully individual, has dedicated himself tirelessly and loyally over a long and illustrious career to help those too often forgotten or marginalized. George's deep commitment to his community is an inspiration to us all, and I know that I speak for all of us in thanking him for all he has done for our Hawaii.

Mahalo nui loa to HCEOC for making the Big Island, my home island, a better and more livable community. I wish each and all of you continued success over the next 40 years and beyond.